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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE - LUONG QUANG THO

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1. RATIONALE FOR RTG POSITION OUTLINED REF B IS THAT IF THO, AS SKIPPER OF THE VESSEL, DEPARTS FOR US THIS WOULD PERMANENTLY STRAND REMAINING REFUGEES IN THAILAND. EMBASSY HAS NOT RUN INTO THIS IN ANY OTHER CASE, HOWEVER, THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE IN WHICH PAROLE HAS BECOME AVAILABLE TO CAPTAIN OF A SMALL BOAT. WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO PERSUADE THE THAI GOVERNMENT TO PAROLE THO AND SEND THE REMAINING REFUGEES TO A CAMP AND THE UNHCR HAS TAKEN A SIMILAR LINE TO NO AVAIL. IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE WILL RAISE THIS MATTER AT A HIGHER LEVEL IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

2. EMBASSY ALSO LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE PAROLE UNDER EXPANDED PROGRAM OF OTHER REFUGEES ON THE BOAT. AT LEAST SOME OF THE OTHER REFUGEES ARE ELIGIBLE. THIS IN ITSELF MAY BREAK THE LOG JAM.

3. IF HIGHER LEVEL EMBASSY INTERVENTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DOES NOT OBTAIN DESIRED RESULTS, WE
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WOULD PLAN TO ASK UNHCR TO TAKE UP THE MATTER ONCE MORE WITH

THE RTG.
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